

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-29-86

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SUPERVISION OF AFDC-FC FUNDED PLACEMENTS

This is to remind welfare departments of their responsibility to ensure proper supervision of all Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care (AFDC-FC) funded placements, including placements made out-of-state by county probation departments. Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS) Sections 45-202.6 and 203.5 specify that placement and care can be vested with county probation departments provided there is in effect a written signed agreement with the county welfare department. The agreement must specify that the probation department will provide the services mandated in EAS Section 45-201.4. These services include preplacement preventive services, the preparation of a written assessment and service plan, provision of family reunification or permanent placement services as appropriate, visits with the child no less frequently than once every six months, periodic reviews, and permanency planning hearings. County welfare departments are responsible to insure that probation departments adhere to the agreements and provide the mandated services to all children they supervise, including adjudicated dependents (W&IC Section 300), status offenders (W&IC Section 601), and delinquents (W&IC Section 602). This is especially critical when the probation department places children in another county or state.

AFDC-FC funding for probation supervised placements is jeopardized if there is no agreement in effect or if the probation department does not adhere to all provisions of the agreement. Because probation departments making these placements are acting as agents of the county welfare department pursuant to the written agreement, county welfare departments will be liable for recovery of any AFDC-FC payments disallowed because of failure to satisfy these requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact the Foster Care Program Bureau at (916) 445-0813.

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Deputy Director
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cc: CWDA